

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

Claim 1. (twice amended):

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A fielding glove comprising:

an outer shell having at least one finger portion, a thumb portion, and a web joining the thumb portion and the nearest finger portion;

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a mitten shaped compartment that in part holds four fingers, comprised of leather or other appropriate material, positioned and fixed upon or within the outer shell of the glove so that the finger portion or portions of the mitten are aligned at an angle of approximately 40 degrees in relation to the upright finger portion of the outershell glove;

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a thumb compartment of said mitten that is rotated forward in an approximately 20 degree arc from the plane of the finger portion of the mitten; and

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a fixed angle of approximately 90 degrees between the mitten's thumb compartment in its rotated position and the index finger portion within said mitten;

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a thumb portion of the outershell glove rotated forward in an arc of approximately 20 degrees from the plane of the finger portion of the outershell to conform to the chosen arc of the thumb portion of the mitten;

an opening for the hand into the mitten aligned in an approximately 40 degree angle to the upright finger portion of the outershell glove, and;

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a web/pocket area of the outershell glove, within the valley between the thumb and first finger portion, that reduces the surface area where a hit or thrown ball impacts the user's hand.

5 [ Claims 2 and 3 being dependent on and drawn from claim 1 are as follows:

Claim 2. (twice amended):

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10 A fielding glove as claimed in claim 1 wherein said web comprises a donut shaped hollow ring, centered in the aforementioned valley between the thumb portion and nearest finger portion of the outer shell glove, with straps attached to the ring that radiate out from the circumference of the ring in a star pattern attaching to various points along the edges of the aforementioned thumb and index finger and to a strap the bridges the tips of the thumb and nearest finger.

15 Claim 3. (twice amended):

A fielding glove as claimed in claim 1 with a least one independent finger portion molded or shaped from the top to the bottom of said finger portion, in a concave shape in the approximate proportions or larger, than the ball size for which the glove is intended to be used.

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